AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 on page 51 with the following paragraph:

-- It is expressly contemplated that the teachings of this invention can be implemented as software, including a computer-readable medium having program instructions executing on a computer, hardware, firmware, or any combination thereof. ~~The software may be embodied as electromagnetic signals by which the computer instructions can be communicated.~~ Accordingly this description is meant to be taken only by way of example and not to otherwise limit the scope of the invention. --